when most Jewesses married at 16-20, and most Jews at 18-24, and tad children,, the average age of the Jewish parents at the birth of their first child has increased by 7-8 years for the women, and by 10-11 years for the men.

(iii) *Illegitimate Children.*—The smaller number of illegitimate children among the Jews than the non-Jews helps to reduce their birth-rate. Contraception naturally plays an important part. Table VIII shows that the percentage of illegitimate children among the Jews is, in most

TABLE VIII

ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS

Country or City.	Year.	Of a Jewish Mother.	Of a Non-Jewish Mother.
Prussia	1929	6-00	10-50
Bavaria	1926 and	1-61	15-39
Hungary	1929	2-34	8-88
Bulgaria	1929	0-48	1-50
Frankfort o/M.	1927-1929	6-00	15-12
Budapest	1929	4-04	22-24
Warsaw	1927	9-49	8-81

* These figures relate only to children horn alive.

cases, only one-fourth or one-third of what it is among the non-Jews. The exceptions in the case of Lodz and Warsaw are only apparent, certain Jewish religious marriages, and therefore also their offspring,

not being recognized as legitimate by Polish law.

The smaller number of illegitimate children among the Jews is due, in the first place, to the influence of religion, in so far as it still retains a hold on its members in Eastern Europe. In previous centuries, when the entire life of the